

Remarks

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 2 – 5.

The Applicants also note the rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Barzynski. The Applicants have amended Claim 12 to further clarify the differences of that subject matter over Barzynski. In particular, the Applicants have amended Claim 12 to specify that the photosensitive resin layer comprises a hydrophobic resin and the substance transfer-preventing layer comprises a water soluble resin or UV-curable resin.

The Applicants respectfully submit that clarification of the photosensitive resin layer and the substance transfer-preventing layer makes clear the differences of the subject matter of Claim 12 over Barzynski. In that regard, the Examiner helpfully provided comments in the Advisory Action with respect to the substance transfer-preventing layer being a hydrophobic resin or UV-curable resin when the photosensitive resin layer contains a water soluble resin. The Applicants have amended Claim 12 as noted above to remove that possibility from Claim 12. Thus, Claim 12 now recites that the photosensitive resin layer comprises a hydrophobic resin and the substance transfer-preventing layer comprises a water soluble resin or UV-curable resin. This structure is not present in Barzynski.

The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Barzynski fails to disclose, either explicitly or implicitly, every recited element of Claim 12. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that Barzynski is inapplicable to that claim. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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